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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114****a. ☒ Previously submitted****i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on October 22, 2002**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).**ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_****iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****b. ☐ Enclosed****i. ☐ Amendment/Reply****iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)****ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)****iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****2. Miscellaneous****a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)****b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.**a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-1644****i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)****ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)****iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed****c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)****WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.****SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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